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Language	No. of publications
English	71
Hindi	351
Urdu	112
Punjabi	24
Marathi	61
Gujarati	34
Sindhi	4
Assamese	4
Bengali	27
Oriya	15
Tamil	46
Telugu	13
Malayalam	32
Kannada	22
Nepali	1
Mizo	2
Khasi	1

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Assamese	3
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Oriya	13
Tamil	50
Telugu	17
Malayalam	30
Kannada	19
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Outdated Machinery of Bidhanbag Unit of BALCO

2962. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Bidhanbag unit of BALCO at Jaykaynagar is limping with old and out-dated machinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to replace the machinery; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) The formerly sick unit of Aluminium Corporation of India Ltd. (ALUCOIN) at Jaykaynagar in West Bengal, in the private sector was nationalised through an Act of Parliament and vested in Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO) on 2nd June, 1984. After nationalisation, this unit has been renamed as Bidhanbag Unit of BALCO. This unit has been operating since 1944, and its plant and machnery has become very old and obsolete.

BALCO has been operating the fabrication facilities producing Rolled Products, Extrusions, Foils and Conductors. The annual production capacity of the above products was assessed at 6400 tonnes. However, due to obsolescence of the plant and equipment, the annual production has been 3023 tonnes during 1985-86, 2475 tonnes during 1986-87 and 1607 tonnes during 1987-88. For the year 1988-89, an annual target of 2000 tonnes only has been fixed.

BALCO has proposals to modernise the existing fabrication facilities at Bidhanbag Unit in Stages, keeping in view its financial resources, etc. in a phased manner. A beginning has been made by initiating action on modernisation of the conductor plant. This is proposed to be followed by modernisation of other units like extrusion and foil plants to produce value added items.

Construction of Shops by NDMC

2963. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDMC is constructing a few shops just opposite to Griha Kalyan Kendra and the road between the shops being constructed and Griha Kalyan Kendra is very narrow and because of this there is always a fear of accidents;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to stop this construction and investigate how this decision has been taken;

(c) whether any survey was conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) There has one kiosk existing at this place for more than three years. Three more kiosks are being built on public demand The road passing through the lane is 20 feet wide. There is no noticeable traffic at this place and hence no fear of accident.

Allotment of Plots/Flats to Widows and Artists

2964. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether widows/artists and prominent personalities in the field of social service/literature etc. have been allotted plots/flats under the discretionery powers of the Chairman, Delhi Development Authority even without their prior registration with D.D.A. under any scheme;

(b) whether a number of leftover old registrants of above categories are yet to be allotted plots/flats against their old registrations under different schemes like 'Plots/Flats to individuals in L.I.G. 1975 Scheme' of the D.D.A. and if so, the number of such cases with details thereof and whether representations have been received from some of them for release of respective plots/flats;

(c) the reasons for not allotting plots/flats to such registrants; and

(d) by when such registrants would be allotted plonts/flats and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some widows have been allotted flats in different categories, i.e. Janta, LIG, MIG and SFS under the discretionary power of the Chairman of DDA without prior registration with DDA. But no such allotment has been made to artists and prominent personalities. Further no plot has been allotted to any widow, artist or prominent personality.

(b) DDA has reported that there was no separate registration scheme for the widows, artists and prominent personalities. Hence, details thereof cannot be given.

(c) and (d) In view of reply to part (b), question do not arise.

Production and export of Alumina by NALCO

2965. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Alumina made so far by NALCO;